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REQUEST AG.ATT PASS FOLLOWING TO KOVALEV SOONEST.

MR. YURI CHEREPANOV
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DEAR MR. CHEREPANOV:

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DURING THE RECENT VISIT OF SECRETARY BERGLAND TO THE USSR,
THE IMPORTANCE OF LONG-TERM COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURAL
RESEARCH WAS AGAIN EMPHASIZED. ONE AREA THAT IS OF
PARTICULAR INTEREST TO BOTH OUR COUNTRIES IS THE
AGRICULTURAL USE OF PERMANENTLY FROZEN SOILS. HOWEVER,
SINCE THE INCEPTION OF THE AGREEMENT WE HAVE NOT BEEN
SUCCESSFUL IN IMPLEMENTING A TEAM EXCHANGE IN THIS AREA.

THE NEED FOR AN ADEQUATE ITINERARY FOR THE U.S. TEAM WAS AGAIN DISCUSSED AT LAST DECEMBER'S MEETING OF THE RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY WORKING GROUP. OUR LETTER OF MARCH 21 SOUGHT TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON THOSE DISCUSSIONS, BUT WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED AN ANSWER. - -

THIS UNEXPECTED DELAY IN ARRANGEMENTS NOW MAKES IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE U.S. SCIENTISTS TO MAKE THE TRIP THIS GROWING SEASON, SINCE THEY WERE REQUIRED TO PROCEED WITH THEIR USUAL HEAVY SUMMER WORKLOADS IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY FIRM PLANS FOR THE EXCHANGE VISIT. UNFORTUNATELY, THIS ALSO MEANS THAT THE SOVIET TEAM MUST BE DELAYED ANOTHER YEAR SINCE ITS WORK WAS TO BE A CONTINUATION OF THE WORK BEGUN DURING THE VISIT OF THE U.S. TEAM TO THE SOVIET UNION.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE ADDITIONAL TIME PROVIDED BY THIS POSTPONEMENT WILL ENABLE YOU TO WORK OUT A SATISFACTORY ITINERARY FOR A U.S. TEAM NEXT YEAR. WE LOOK FORWARD TO REACHING AGREEMENT ON THIS AT THE NEXT WORKING GROUP MEETING.

SINCERELY,

T.W. EDMINSTER
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